

Committee Action:
Do Pass _____
Amend & Do Pass _____
Other _____

Senate Committee on Growth and Infrastructure
This measure may be considered for action during today's work session.

SENATE BILL 423

Revises provisions relating to motorcycles. (BDR 43-662)

Sponsored By: Senate Committee on Growth and Infrastructure
Date Heard: April 12, 2023
Fiscal Notes: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

Senate Bill 423 increases certain motorcycle safety fees and imposes an additional fee for a motorcycle endorsement to a driver's license. The bill revises provisions governing the penalty for driving a motorcycle without a license, endorsement or permit. The bill also requires an applicant for the renewal of a motorcycle endorsement to complete a course of motorcycle safety and revises the eligibility requirements for an instructor for the Program for the Education of Motorcycle Riders.

Amendment:

An amendment is proposed by Senator Harris and a copy is attached. In summary the amendment:

1. Provides that a motorcycle endorsement to a driver's license may not be renewed unless the applicant provides proof of completion of a motorcycle safety course in the preceding eight years. This is not required for the first renewal after the initial issuance of a motorcycle endorsement.
2. Adds a provision that the applicant is not required to show the proof of completion with an application for renewal submitted before January 1, 2032, and;
3. Authorizes the Director of the Department of Public Safety to transfer funds to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the costs of computer programming associated with implementing the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of the bill.

Conceptual Amendment to Senate Bill No. 423

Proposed by Senator Harris

Amend the bill to:

1. Provide that a motorcycle endorsement to a driver's license may not be renewed unless the applicant presents proof that the applicant has successfully completed a course of motorcycle safety in the immediately preceding 8 years, except that an applicant is not required to show proof that he or she has successfully completed a course of motorcycle safety the first time he or she renews a motorcycle endorsement following its initial issuance.
2. Add a provision to provide that an applicant for the renewal of a motorcycle endorsement shall not be required to show the proof of completion of a course in motorcycle safety in connection with an application for renewal submitted before January 1, 2032.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Public Safety to transfer not more than \$96,466 from the Account for the Program for the Education of Motorcycle Riders to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the costs of computer programming associated with implementing the amendatory provisions of sections 1 and 2 of the bill.